

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Foodgrains to Disaster Affected States
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down for the purpose of releasing extra foodgrains to the States affected by natural calamities;
- (b) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for releasing additional foodgrains to the State for being distributed among the families in the areas affected by recent floods;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of foodgrains made available by the Central Government to the State;
- (d) whether the foodgrains were supplied free of cost by way of Central assistance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) Department of Food & Public Distribution has formulated a policy for additional allocation of foodgrains to the States affected by natural calamities which is as follows:

"In case of natural calamities the allocation for 3 months of demand will be made immediately to the State/UT so that the relief measures are not affected. However, for the demands beyond 3 months, the proposal must be recommended by Ministry of Agriculture (in case of drought) and Ministry of Home Affairs (in case of natural calamities other than drought). Also, the above allocation will be continued at MSP rate for wheat and MSP derived rate for rice, as approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 2.1.2014."

(b) to (e): No Madam, no such request has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.
